

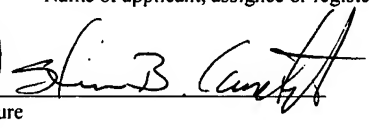
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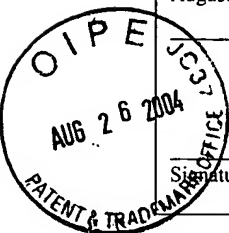
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/735,084  
Applicant(s) : Richard RÖLLIN *et al.*  
Filed : December 12, 2003  
Title : THORAX DRAINAGE SYSTEM  
TC/A.U. :  
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Docket No. : 5297/198

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Dear Sir:

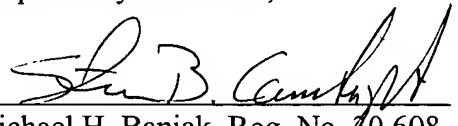
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97-1.98, Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner these two (2) additional documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. A copy of each document is enclosed.

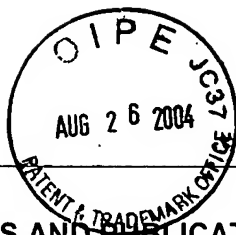
Applicants request that these documents also be reviewed, considered and made of record.

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<b>FORM PTO-1449</b> <b>LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR</b> <b>APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE</b> <b>STATEMENT</b>  Sheet 1 of 1 (Supplemental)	<b>SERIAL NO.</b> 10/735,084	<b>CASE NO.</b> 5297/198
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